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AGENDA

TO: Members of the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee

FROM: Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Chair
Rep. Bradley G. Last, Chair
Rep. Steve Eliason, House Vice Chair

RE: COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: August 28, 2013
TIME: 9:00 am to 3:30 pm
PLACE: Room 210 Senate Building, State Capitol Complex

Morning Session

1. 9:00 Announcements
2. 9:10 Local Education Agency (LEA) Other Post Employment Benefit Liabilities (OPEB)
Committee members questioned the status of LEA OPEB plans and liabilities during the General Session. Subcommittee staff will provide a summary of LEA OPEB liabilities.
3. 9:30 Teacher Salary Supplement Program
Qualifying math and science teachers can receive additional compensation through the program. A representative from the Department of Human Resource Management will update the subcommittee on the program budget and participation levels.
4. 10:00 Retirement Rate Impacts on Related to Basic School Programs
Appropriations to the Educator Salary Adjustment and Teacher Salary Supplement programs include a factor to pay for employer-paid benefits associated with the compensation. This factor has not changed to reflect recent increases in the state retirement rate. Subcommittee staff will provide costs estimates associated with increasing the retirement rate factor.
5. 10:20 Career & Technical Education Add-on Program – Allocation Formula
During the 2012 Interim, the subcommittee studied the possibility of allocating funding based on the relative cost of providing courses and to include incentives for high skill, high wage, and high demand subjects. Subcommittee staff will provide an update and formula scenarios.

6. 11:00 Teacher Professional Development Days
Washington School District will discuss its Professional Learning Communities program. The USOE will report on teacher professional development activities in the state, including an overview of the number of professional development days offered by LEAs during the 2012-13 school year, additional opportunities provided by the USOE, and a per-day cost estimate to reinstate professional development days statewide.
7. 12:00 Critical Languages & Dual Immersion
The USOE will update the committee on the two programs, including budget details, allocation of funding to LEAs, LEA participation by grade and language, program performance measures, and future growth estimates.
8. 12:30 Lunch Break
“Let Freedom Ring” a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King’s “I Have A Dream” speech and the march on Washington will take place on the south steps of the Utah State Capitol from 12:30 to 1:00 pm.

Afternoon Session

9. 1:30 Necessarily Existent Small Schools
Subcommittee staff will provide a history of the Necessarily Existent Small Schools program. The Utah Foundation will present its 2012 report on Utah’s Rural Schools. The subcommittee will begin discussions on the relative cost differentials associated with providing educational services in small schools (district and charter) and the impact remoteness may have on service delivery.
10. 2:30 Beverley Taylor Sorenson Elementary Arts Learning Program
Representatives from the USOE will provide information on program participation, funding amounts by LEA/School, performance measures, and how the program is helping students in core subjects. The Art Works for Kids Foundation will also provide supporting data.
11. 3:00 Statutory Reports
Representatives of the USOE will present the following reports as required in statute: Enhancement for At-Risk Students (53A-17a-166); Enhancement for Accelerated Students (53A-17a-165); and, Title I – Schools in Improvement Paraeducators Program (53A-17a-168). The subcommittee will also discuss the state funding for At-Risk programs.

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12. 3:30 Adjourn